

California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)  
Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2002

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Members in Attendance:

Donna Pozzi, California State Parks (Host)  
Kay Antunez, Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection  
Edward Wong, Air Resources Board  
Deake Marschall, Dept. of Conservation  
Carolyn Tucker, Dept. of Water Resources  
Don Peri, Integrated Waste Management Board  
Bobbie Winn, Dept. of Fish and Game  
Phaedra Bota, Dept. of Boating & Waterways  
David Moore, Dept. of Fish & Game  
Bill Andrews, Dept. of Education  
Tom Mays, State Water Resources Control Board  
Carolyn Tucker, Dept. of Water Resources  
Lisa Kunz, Dept. of Toxic Substances Control

1. **Introductions: What's New in Your World?**

Deake Marschall for Kathleen Strickley,

- Entered agreement with SCSA and are now able to visit 6 counties statewide for Fall School Assembly program (Recycle Rex's "Close The Loop" show). Will be visiting Fresno County twice, Madera, Yuba-Sutter, Kern and Merced.
- Continuing outreach efforts at Single-A ballparks throughout the state promoting their new recycling programs.

Carolyn Tucker

- Participated in the GET WET Festival at the American River Water Education Center at Folsom Dam. Participants used the Water Cycle Passport & went through DWR's Children's Exhibits.
- The new curriculum for DWR's Romero Visitors Center is at the printers. It includes a Teacher's Guide with lessons related to the exhibits at the center along with a class set of passport sticker books, a folder with blackline masters, an evaluation postcard and a field trip bag for the teacher.

Carolyn Tucker (Continued)

- DWR's Water Education Committee met in San Jose hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. The meeting included a tour of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Education Program and a desalination plant in Marina.

Ed Wong for Michael Kashuba

- "Who let the Smog Out?," a musical play about air and air pollution is expected to be completed this summer and performed at Bay area and Sacramento area elementary schools throughout fall 2002. It is geared for grades 3-5. Pilot performances being conducted now. The play is being developed by Lawrence Hall of Science, Science Discovery Theatre, from joint funding from ARB and U.S. EPA.

Phaedra Bota

- In the process of placing our safe boating course with an exam online to serve the three million boaters of California. Going through the RFP process and anticipating an accessibility date of October 2002.
- Contracted with two radio stations with the appropriate boater demographics in the greater Sacramento area to run three three-week radio promotions around the three major summer holidays – Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day – reminding boaters to "Boat Smart From the Start, Wear Your Life Jacket."
- Investigating a partnership with Radio Disney to promote aquatic safety with youth aged 6-14 over the summer, and possibly advertise our annual poster contest.

Don Peri

- I am replacing Joanne Vorhies on CEEIN at least for the next year. Passed out matrix of CEEIN Partners.

David Moore

- Grant proposal for curriculum review of Classroom Aquarium Education Program.
- Exhibit design for Sacramento River Wildlife Area presentation.
- Beginning to plan for DFG Statewide Interpreter/Education Meeting in the fall.

Bobbie Winn for Sylvia Gude

- We are planning the implementation workshops (statewide) for the new Project WILD Science and Civics High School Curriculum. This is a service learning program. We will be conducting three workshops, one in southern California, one in the Fresno area, and one in the Bay area between now and October.
- The Project WILD Aquatic Coordinator is working on the development of an early childhood education supplement. Twelve aquatic activities from the Project WILD Aquatic Curriculum and Activity Guide are being adapted for the supplement. This project is being facilitated with a Coastal Commission Whale Tail Grant.
- We are working on the American River Salmon Festival Schools Day event for October 11, 2002. This year we are planning for 4 sites with approximately 200 students at each site. We need volunteer help for the day. Volunteers will assist at various learning stations. Contact Sylvia or Bobbie for questions or to volunteer.

Tom Mays

- Provided update on a contract proposal to work with the Student Conservation Association on possible externships for environmental science graduates to work in water board regional offices on education-outreach activities; continuing work with the California Storm Water Quality Task Force on development of a public survey to gauge behavioral change in water pollution prevention practices in California communities; provided update on collection of students to attend student water quality summit on East Coast in celebration of the Year of Clean Water; update on work with Bill Andrews to coordinate work with CREEC network to promote Project WET and other water education activities; handed out education outreach bookmarks and posters that were recently developed for the regional water boards and state schools.

Kay Antunez

- Recent presentations about Project Learning Tree included the first session of the Forestry Institute for Teachers, the Energy Challenge Workshop sponsored by the State and Consumer Services Agency and Fresno Unified School District, and to Migrant Educators working in Yolo and Sacramento counties.
- As of this date, funding for the Project Learning Tree program and coordinator position have been cut from the Environmental License Plate fund in an effort to balance the state's budget.

Bill Andrews

- Attended the CREEC Conference at Lake Arrowhead and once more was reminded of how hard working & resourceful the CREEC Coordinators are.
- Attended the Children's Water Festival in Orange County where over 7,000 students participated and 200 booths were staffed with different water activities. The new California Plan for EE was unveiled at a luncheon featuring Delaine Eastin.

- Attended the Environmental Ceremony at DCA and had dinner with the winning class the evening before. Again Delaine Eastin gave an outstanding speech and greeted each student personally.

Lisa Kunz

- DTSC's education and outreach unit continues to work on our new EE projects. The environmental activity and coloring books are almost ready and the Hazard House game is progressing nicely.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes were approved with one correction to Associate Membership wording (see below)

3. **Americans with Disabilities Act – Program Accessibility in State Parks**

A 25-minute presentation (see Attachment #1 for notes) was given by Linda Canar (lcana@parks.ca.gov, 485-4144), California State Parks Accessibility Section. As well, Tom Lindberg (tlind@parks.ca.gov, 653-1515), from the Interpretive Publications Section, showed the brochures that are produced in his section and how they are ADA compliant.

4. **State Parks Training on Contents Standards**

- This agenda item was postponed.

5. **Information Items**

- California Calendar of Education and EE Events for EE Outreach – Passed out and discussed by Kay Antunez
- Posters and Handouts regarding “Year of Clean Air”

6. **Discussion Items**

a. **Associate Membership Discussion/Approval**

Discussion followed which concluded with group deciding to review the agreement of the wording for Associate Membership next month and to have it printed on separate sheet so as to facilitate review. (Carolyn Tucker provided the following language after the meeting.)

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**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Associate membership in CEEIN may be extended to state and federal government environmental education organizations that have a working or supportive relationship with a CEEIN member agency. Such organizations must have as their primary goal promoting environmental education at the K-12 level and support the MOU that has been approved by CEEIN members. Proposals for Associate membership must be brought to the CEEIN Administration & Budget subcommittee for review. The proposal should include a letter of sponsorship by a CEEIN member agency along with the organization's mission statement & vision for EE. The subcommittee will review the request and bring it to a vote of the CEEIN membership. Associate members will not have voting rights on any decisions that come before the CEEIN but may attend CEEIN meetings, participate in discussions and partner with CEEIN members in its EE efforts.

b. **Implementation of SB 373**

c. **Comparison and Collaboration of Statewide EE Groups**

Kay Antunez, Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection, spoke to the group about concerns the members had voiced about duplicate committees formed and that the best use of everyone's time be addressed. More discussions and a follow up meeting were scheduled for August 6, 2002 (or an alternate date of August 7, 2002), for a meeting to decide on CEEIN Subcommittee realignment to implement State Plan and SB 373. To attend, RSVP to Tom Mays at [tmays@exec.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:tmays@exec.swrcb.ca.gov) or 916/341-5263.

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Also, briefly discussed the results of the Educator Needs Assessment by the Integrated Waste Management Board. (See Attachment #2)

**The next CEEIN meeting is scheduled for July 19, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**